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Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits: review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the Council, Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), on the basis of informal consultations

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Brussels Declaration[1] and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[2]

Recalling also its decision 2001/320 of 24 October 2001, in which it decided to establish under the regular agenda item entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits", a regular sub-item entitled "Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010",

Recalling further its resolution 2003/17 of 22 July 2003 and its decision 2003/287 of 24 July 2003, as well as the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2004 on the theme "Resources mobilization and enabling environment for poverty eradication in the context of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010",

[1] A/CONF.191/12.
[2] A/CONF.191/11.

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Acknowledging the presentation made by the Director-General of the International Labour Organization during the 2004 high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council on the report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization as it relates to the successful implementation of the Programme of Action,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,[3]

1. *Expresses its concern* over the still weak implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010;[2]

2. *Urges* the least developed countries and their bilateral and multilateral development partners to undertake increased efforts and to adopt speedy measures with a view to creating an overall enabling environment for the implementation of the Programme of Action and to meeting its goals and targets in a timely manner;

3. *Reiterates* the critical importance of the participation of government representatives from the least developed countries in the annual assessment of the Programme of Action by the Economic and Social Council, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to take concrete measures for the full implementation of the provision of paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 58/228 of 23 December 2003;

4. *Calls on* the Secretary-General, while stressing the central role of the Council in the coordination of actions in the United Nations system for the implementation of the Programme of Action, to take appropriate measures to strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States so that it can fulfil its functions in accordance with General Assembly resolution 56/227 of 24 December 2001;

5. *Reiterates* that the review of the Programme of Action and the evaluation of the performance of the least developed countries and their development partners in implementing their various commitments should be based on the goals and targets set out in the Programme of Action;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit an annual progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action in a more analytical and results-oriented way by placing greater emphasis on concrete results and indicating the progress achieved in its implementation, which could include the use of a matrix of achievements;

7. *Also requests* that the report take into consideration the broader development agenda and existing reporting mechanisms in order to avoid duplication.

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[3] A/59/94-E/2004/77.